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FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY'S VISIT TO NORWAY, SEPTEMBER 5-9, 1975

1. FOLLOWING IS ISSUES/TALKING POINTS PAPER FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY'S USE:

2. BACKGROUND:

THE NORWEGIANS WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS US-SOVIET RELATIONS WITH YOU, INCLUDING FOLLOW-UP TO CSCE, SALT AND MBFR.

3. TALKING POINTS:

-- OUR EFFORTS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION REMAIN ON COURSE, ALTHOUGH MOMENTUM HAS SLOWED A BIT,
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PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF THE TRADE/JEWISH EMIGRATION IMBROGLIO.

-- THE STRATEGIC BALANCE REMAINS THE CENTRAL CONCERN OF

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BOTH SIDES, AND EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE BOTH AT THE GENEVA SAL TALKS AND DURING TOP-LEVEL MEETINGS TO ACHIEVE AN AGREE-

MENT THIS YEAR WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ACCORD OUTLINED BY THE VLADIVOSTOK SUMMIT LAST NOVEMBER.

-- ALTHOUGH DIFFICULTIES REMAIN, WE ARE STILL HOPEFUL OF ACHIEVING A SALT AGREEMENT IN TIME FOR A BREZHNEV VISIT TO WASHINGTON THIS YEAR.

-- WE ARE BEGINNING TO PRESS THE SOVIETS GENTLY ABOUT IMPLEMENTATION OF CSCE BASKET III PRINCIPLES, FOR EXAMPLE, WE HAVE ALREADY APPROACHED THEM ON THE QUESTION OF BETTER WORKING CONDITIONS FOR JOURNALISTS (MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS). WE WILL BE MONITORING MOSCOW'S PERFORMANCE ON THESE QUES-TIONS, AND EXCHANGING INFORMATION WITH YOU IN NATO ABOUT IT.

-- THE NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA ON FORCE REDUCTIONS IN CENTRAL EUROPE WILL BE THE NEXT TEST FOR THE PROCESS OF RELAXING TENSIONS IN EUROPE. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE SOVIETS CAN BE INDUCED TO MAKE REDUCTIONS THAT WILL COR-RECT THE PRESENT IMBALANCE BETWEEN WARSAW PACT AND NATO GROUND AND TANK FORCES.

-- THE SITUATION IN PORTUGAL CONTINUES TO BE FLUID AND IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT THE OUTCOME OF EVENTS THERE. BOTH PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER HAVE WARNED THE SOVIETS ABOUT THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN PORTUGUESE AFFAIRS.

-- THE SOVIETS HAVE SO FAR CONFINED THEIR INTERVENTION IN PORTUGAL TO PUBLIC ESPOUSAL OF THE COMMUNIST CAUSE, AND THE RENDERING OF SOME UNDETERMINED AMOUNTS OF FINAN-CIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY. THEIR BEHAVIOR SO FAR HAS BEEN WITHIN THE RULES OF THE GAME, AND IN ANY CASE THEIR INFLUENCE ON PORTUGUESE DEVELOP-MENTS MINIMAL.

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